219 W. Miner St. West Chester, Pa. Feb. 23. 1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.:

Dear Robinson:

1. Enclosed is the review. Eliminate as much as you please, unless the "eliminator is done busted". If you need it done by me, return it and I will do the best I can, though this is the third writing.

2. Can I trouble you to send me a copy of The Presbyterian, containing the review of the pamphlet "What's the Truth About Prohibition?" It was in an October or November issue, I think. If too much bother, send me the names of two or three West Chester subscribers and I will endeavor to get a copy from one of them.

Yours sincerely,
"John" Kelley

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Dec. 31, 1931.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

Compli.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am leaving Shanghai on Feb. 23rd. Will you therefore kindly change the address for my copy of the Presbyterian from A. R. Kepler, Shanghai, to

Dr. A. R. Kepler,
c/o W. Harrison, Esq.
3 Engel Park, Mill Hill,
London, N. W. 7, England.

B. R.

Kindly continue to send the magazine to this new address until you receive further notice from me. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

A R Kepler

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P.S.

I want to add this postscript to my general letter to the Circulation Managers of the magazines that come to my desk to assure you of the continued interest I take in reading the Presbyterian and the anticipations I have of having a good opportunity to renew old friendships with you in Philadelphia in the autumn.

As ever fraternally yours,

A.R.K.

Dr. Robinson

424 CHESTNUT LANE
WAYNE, PENNSYLVANIA

Jan. 11. 1932

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Your letter was received in due time and I greatly appreciate it. I find in the Presbyterian under your Editorship only faithful testimony to the truth revealed in the Word of God. I have never found anything in the paper since it has been under your care but that which is loyal to the Word of God & our Presbyterian standards. The only point at which we might differ is just how to express our opposition to some of the teachings & methods now favored at Princeton but that is only a matter of judgment. I feel confident we are both loyal to the faith.

I greatly regretted having missed you when I call at the office. I took I could come oftener but my time for such efforts is about passed. I felt very weary the next day after I returned home. With best wishes for you & yours & your work. I am faithfully & affectionately yours

David S. Kennedy

January 9, 1932.

Rev. Alford Kelley,
West Chester,
Pennsylvania.

My dear "John",

I have your letter. I have not said very much about the Auburn Affirmationists. In my humble judgment, the less we say about them the better. In the first place, I know many of them are thoroughly sound and signed that paper in the heat of the Fosdick controversy. I do not approve of it and was not asked to sign. It started in Auburn where their views are very lax. In my humble opinion, and with all due respect, I think Drs. Craig and Machen have made a mistake in making that one thing so essential. The sooner the whole matter is forgotten and buried the better.

There is an Auburn Affirmationist, a graduate of Union, now pastor in Summit Church Germantown. I talked with a most conservative member of that session and he said that his preaching had been sound in every particular and he was indeed very cordially in sympathy with him though he was opposed to calling him. I do not believe that I will publish an editorial on the matter. I did write one a year ago in which I stated that the Auburn Affirmation could not be taken as a proof of Northern Church orthodoxy. That article was widely quoted in the Southern Church. Of course, most of the signers are liberals but I think one may safely say all are not. Asa Ferry is a signer and is now a trustee at Princeton. I have been told by a member of that board that no one is more strenuous for orthodoxy in that Seminary than he.

I am sorry you are being disturbed in your church attendance and especially sorry that Williamson has been stabbing such a good man as Sam Hodge.

Very cordially yours,

WCR*E

West Chester, Pa. January 8, 1931.

Dear "Court":

That, "Court", is the name by which I have heard you mentioned for several years by one of your College and Seminary classmates, so it seemed natural to use it, as I am writing you. And, I write, as one meaning of it, besides "courtesy", as I previously mentioned, seems to mean you "court" correspondence. I write to request you to give an editorial on the attitude to be assumed toward Auburn Affirmationists and their defenders. You have referred to the matter editorially, but I would like full treatment.

Williamson, of the Westminster church here, is one of the signers. After Ulrich had been one year in the First church, where my sister and I went, when we came here in 1927, because we did not care to go to the Westminster church, though preferring it because of former associations though Jones. Ulrich had a banquet for the Maria Bible class. Williamson was invited as one of the speakers. He said that that occasion was the first time he had been invited to the First church since he came to West Chester. Thus for 28 years he had not received an invitation by Dr. Laird, during 18 years and Hodge (Samuel) during 10 years of his pastorate. Hodge was present and heard this slam. Last Fall the class had another banquet. Ulrich again invited Williamson, who came and asked the blessing and made an address, in which he said he expected to be invited again next year. Hodge was present and heard this record dig. Hodge made an address both years but, of course, made no reply to Williamson either year.

After last October's banquet I talked with Ulrich, who declared Laird and Hodge had not shown a christian spirit toward Williamson. Ulrich insisted that he would continue to invite Williamson as long as he was in good and regular standing in Chester Presbytery, even though I showed him Williamson's name among the Affirmationists. Williamson spoke at Ulrich's reception shortly after coming as pastor and he led in prayer at his installation. Ulrich says the Session supports him in recognizing W. I told him I would not support the First church, as long as the First church supports Williamson. I have withdrawn my attendance and contributions.

Yours sincerely,
"John" Kelley

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January 6, 1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor - THE PRESBYTERIAN,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge most sincerely and gratefully your kindness in publishing so full an account of the opening of our new house of worship. This account appeared on page 25 of the December 31, 1931 issue. Naturally we feel great joy in God's rich blessing upon the work here, and we consider the figures that reveal it a testimony to the power of His Spirit working upon, in, and through the hearts of people. Glory be unto Him. We endeavor to be led of His Spirit and are so led. I preach Biblical sermons and endeavor to declare unto the people the whole counsel of God. He is blessing the work.

With appreciation,

Yours very truly,

Clarence W. Kerr.

My dear Robinson:

Enclosed you will find a communication on weddings, growing out of some personal experiences that have been duplicated in the lives of other ministers, possibly your own.

It is sent for your consideration, with the request that it be returned, if you do not find space for it.

Yours sincerely,
"John" Kelley.

219 N. Mines St.
West Chester, Pa.
January 5. 1931.

January 5, 1932.

My dear Dr. Kennedy,

It is a source of great regret to me that I had left the office before you came in yesterday. I had heard you were at the Ministers' Meeting and I lingered here a little while in the hope that you would come but I had another matter to which I had to attend and so went away. I cannot tell you how glad I am that you are getting out amongst us again. I am told that you look splendidly and that you are keen and alert in your interest in everything. There is no man whose health and activity I would like to see more than yours. Please try again and this time I want surely to see you. I was quite surprised to find that you were coming into the city again but unless it fatigues you too much I think it will be good for you. It is very easy for us to settle down and be in too small a circle.

I do not know how much interest you have in THE PRESBYTERIAN now but we seem to be struggling on as well as any of the religious papers. I am having many commendations from readers and they bring me good cheer. I am not sure that the Directors are as well pleased but I resigned at their last meeting and they requested me to continue which I will do for a time until we can find just the right young man to take up this work for I believe THE PRESBYTERIAN must be continued and that it has a great work to do. Just how far we should go in the belligerent attitude I think is a delicate question and I do not feel competent to decide it. My thought has been that we conservatives are out of power just now and that by fairness and firmness we must try to win our way back. We tried the harsh and vigorous method under the leadership of Dr. Machen and I was very loyal to him but we lost not because of our position so much as because of our method. Probably, you do not want to go into all that.

I want to tell you that my interest in you is very great. Our friendship for many years has been a delight to me and to know of your improving health is a great pleasure. Please remember me to Mrs. Kennedy and be assured that I shall be delighted to do anything that you desire.

Most cordially yours,